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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Pro Bono Fair and Awards Ceremony

Celebrate Indiana Law's pro bono commitment and learn the many benefits of taking on pro bono matters as a student attorney at noon in the lobby. Food will be provided by The Bakehouse. Attorneys from Baker & Daniels (Indianapolis) will recognize outstanding students who have excelled in pro bono activities. Immediately following, representatives from student and community organizations will be on hand to describe the full range of pro bono opportunities for Indiana Law students. All projects offer outstanding practical experience and fantastic networking opportunities for students at all levels. Time commitments vary from one hour per week to semester- or year-long projects. For more information, contact Rachael Yates (ryates@indiana.edu) or Judy Reckelhoff (juarecke@indiana.edu).

Indiana Court of Appeals Oral Argument

The Indiana Court of Appeals will hear oral arguments in *Mishler v. State* at 6 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. Appellant-defendant Paul L. Mishler appeals his convictions on two counts of Child Molesting, a class A felony, claiming that the trial court erred in admitting the child victim's pretrial statements and videotaped interview into evidence at trial. Mishler contends that the statements and interview failed to satisfy the admissibility requirements of Indiana Code section 35-37-4-6, the "Protected Person Statute," and that the admission of the victim's statements violated his right to confront witnesses testifying against him. Mishler also argues that the evidence was insufficient to support the convictions and that the 50-year aggregate sentence was inappropriate in light of the nature of the offenses and his character.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Lunch with a Lawyer: Diana Mercer, JD'88

Lunch with a Lawyer features **Diana Mercer**, JD'88, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in room 124. RSVP on Symplicity. From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mercer will also provide 20-minute career coaching sessions with students. One-on-one sessions are limited to the first six students who sign up via OCI in Symplicity. Mercer is the co-author of *Your Divorce Advisor: A Lawyer and a Psychologist Guide Through the Legal and Emotional Landscape of Divorce* (Simon & Schuster/Fireside 2001). She is also the founder of Peace Talks Mediation Services, Los Angeles, a divorce mediation practice that teams lawyers with family therapists in a cooperative, co-mediator setting to assist families in resolving divorce and custody disputes in a constructive, informed, and proactive manner. Mercer worked as a litigator in a top law firm for years and also has experience with the entertainment industry. She is eager to share her advice and career expertise with 2L and 3L law students during her visit this fall.

Firestone President Dan Adomitis

President of Firestone Natural Rubber Company Dan Adomitis will be making a presentation titled "Burning Rubber on the Corporate Highway: How I Use My Law and Economics Degrees" at noon in the Moot Court Room. The Business & Law Society and Office of Career and Professional Development invite you to come hear him recount his journey from law school to federal clerkship, from private practice to in-house counsel, and from running Bridgestone's international operations in Africa to executive leadership at Firestone. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP on Symplicity for this event.

PDP Meeting

Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity is having a meeting at noon in room 122. Expect the business of the meeting to be fairly brief so that students may attend the Lunch with a Lawyer (Diana Mercer) or the Business Law Society Speaker. Executive Board members will be

available for questions after the meeting. Contact Amanda Meglemre at ameglemr@indiana.edu if you have any questions.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

[Networking Workshop](#)

Statistics report that 90 percent of jobs are found by networking, which can be a frightening concept for many law students. In an effort to help you practice what we preach, we have organized a networking workshop from noon to 1 p.m. in the Moot Court Room to demystify the networking technique. The workshop will prep 2Ls and 3Ls for the Indiana Law Alumni Summit receptions and events on October 3rd when a myriad of influential alumni from across the country will be in Bloomington. The goal of this workshop is to teach you how to exchange business cards and practice your pitch, or simply enjoy a good conversation. It's all about becoming comfortable networking. If you have business cards, please bring them to this event! Sign up via Symplicity.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

[Jerome Hall Lecture](#)

Sanford Levinson, W. St. John Garwood and W. St. John Garwood, Jr. Centennial Chair and Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin, will deliver this year's Jerome Hall Lecture at noon in the Moot Court Room. He will present "Constitutional Dynamism and Constitutional Stasis: The Schizoid Nature of the United States Constitution." A reception in the faculty lounge will follow.

[Government and Nonprofit Job Fair](#)

The Government and Non-Profit Career Fair, from noon to 3 p.m. in Alumni Hall in the Indiana Memorial Union, promotes interaction between students and employers in the public sector regarding general career information, job leads, and internship opportunities. A diverse range of employers attend to publicize their particular agency and educate students about their field. With many Indiana University students from the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and the Law School interested in this career area, the Government and Non-Profit Career Fair provides an excellent opportunity for employers to meet and hire a variety of students in a highly cost effective way. Please contact Jeremy Harmon @ (812) 855-0576 with any questions you might have.

IU Internal Venture Capital Investment Competition

The Elmore Entrepreneurship Law Clinic and the Business and Law Society will present a JD and MBA Venture Capital Investment Competition Mixer from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Grazie! Restaurant. The winner of the IU Internal VCIC will earn the privilege of competing on behalf of IU in the invitation-only Spring 2009 VCIC Regional Competition. The VCIC is a national competition that began in 1998, during the height of the technology bubble, as an educational event for MBAs to learn about venture funding. The VCIC has now evolved into a marketplace for entrepreneurs seeking investors and a training ground for future venture capitalists. Unlike business plan competitions, in which students pitch their own ideas to investors, at the VCIC the students are the investors, hearing pitches from real entrepreneurs, creating a very powerful learning experience for both parties. Participants can learn more at the VCIC Mixer. Two training sessions will be held – the first on Oct. 8, the second on Oct. 27 – with business plans then e-mailed to teams on Oct. 30. The IU Internal VCIC Competition will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the IU School of Law – Bloomington. Please RSVP to Mark Need at needm@indiana.edu.

PAD Initiation

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) will be initiating new members into the Adams Chapter at 8 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. After initiation, PAD will be at Nicks to welcome the new members and socialize, with food provided. All members are welcome! Contact Kelli O'Neil at pad.adams.chapter@gmail.com for more information or if you still want to apply.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Alumni Summit

The inaugural Alumni Summit will include individual alumni board meetings, a state of the school address by Dean Lauren Robel, a reception for alumni, faculty, and students, and a memorial service for Val Nolan. See a [detailed list of events](#).

Church and Politics: Where is the Partisan Boundary?

This past Sunday, more than 30 pastors in 22 states announced their intention to violate federal law by endorsing political candidates from their pulpits. Father Bob Keller and retired California attorney **Bob Long**, JD'71, will participate in "Church and Politics: Where is the Partisan Boundary?" at noon in room 121 to discuss the intersection of politics and religion. Professor **Dan Conkle** will moderate the discussion. Keller will provide a religious perspective, while Long will give a legal perspective.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Moot Court Brief Binding

Phi Delta Phi is helping you get your briefs bound the cheap and easy way! Stop by the Career Services Office from 7:30 p.m to 10:30 p.m. We will bind all the briefs you need, complete with red or blue covers, for just \$3 per bound brief, and \$2 per stapled brief! Save yourself the trouble of driving around town and paying too much money. Get your briefs bound right at school by PAD! E-mail pad.adams.chapter@gmail.com with any questions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PDP Blood Drive: Oct. 6

Phi Delta Phi (PDP) is sponsoring the Fall Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on Monday, Oct. 6, in the Student Lounge. Sign up to volunteer and/or come donate. Please be aware that the Student Lounge will be unavailable for meetings or to eat your lunch during the Blood Drive. Sign-ups for volunteering will be at the Sept. 30 PDP meeting in room 122. Contact Kenton Moorehead at kmoorhea@indiana.edu or Amanda Meglemre at ameglemr@indiana.edu with any questions or to volunteer.

Socctoberfest: Oct. 10

Are you ready for some fñtbol? The Sixth Annual JD/LLM Socctoberfest will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, at Karst Farm Park (Fields 1 and 2) on the west side of Bloomington. It is a co-ed event that welcomes all ability levels. There will be a cookout following the games in the area adjacent to the soccer fields. Participants, fellow students, and family are all welcome to attend. Those interested in playing or organizing the event should contact Professor Bill Henderson at wihender@indiana.edu and indicate a skill level: a) I would have gone pro if not for my knee injury; b) I'm not exactly Pelñ©, but I know my way around the field; c) I have a modicum of athletic ability but no special skill at soccer; d) I enjoy kicking things. A Web site will be online next week to provide students with additional information on the event.

PAD Golf Tournament: Oct. 12

Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) will be hosting a golf tournament for anyone interested on Sunday, Oct. 12. The format will be a scramble. The tournament will take place at Eagle Pointe Golf Resort with two options. For golfers interested in playing a full round, shotgun start will be at 1 p.m. For golfers wanting instruction, there will be a clinic, followed by nine rounds of golf, starting at 2 p.m. Prizes will be given. After the tournament, there will be a cook-out hosted by PAD. Sign-up fees are due no later than Monday, Oct. 6. The cost is \$35. Checks can be made out to Phi Alpha Delta and placed in Ned Mulligan's (2L) mailbox. Teams of four will play. Sign up with them if you want to be part of a specific team. Individuals may sign up, too. Invite your significant other and/or and come on out for a great day of golf! Contact Ned Mulligan at emulliga@indiana.edu or pad.adams.chapter@gmail.com for more information.

A Conversation with Prince Zeid: Oct. 13

Indiana Law and the Student Alliance for National Security are co-sponsoring an event titled "U.S. Policy and the Future of the Middle East, A Conversation with Prince Zeid, Jordanian Ambassador to the United States."€ Visiting Law Professor and former Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations **Feisal Istrabadi**, JD'88, will moderate the event, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13, in the Whittenberger Auditorium at the Indiana Memorial Union.

Indiana Supreme Court: Oct. 16

The Indiana Supreme Court will be hearing arguments on *Klotz v. Hoyt* at noon on Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Moot Court Room. In a dispute between a landlord and tenants regarding the payment of back rent and return of the security deposit, the Delaware Circuit Court entered judgment for the tenants. The Court of Appeals reversed. *Klotz v. Hoyt*, 880 N.E.2d 1234 (Ind. Ct. App. 2008), vacated. The Supreme Court has granted a petition to transfer and has assumed jurisdiction over the appeal.

Faculty and the First Amendment: Oct. 16

Steve Sanders, an associate with Mayer Brown in Chicago, will present "Faculty and the First Amendment: the Illusory Protections of 'Academic Freedom'" at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Moot Court Room. His talk will focus on a number of recent court cases that threaten to erode the free speech rights of public university faculty, placing the cases in the context of a more general argument: that those of us who are or have been denizens of academia tend to assume the law gives more special protection to our work than it actually does. He will be introduced by University Chancellor Ken Gros Louis.

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FACULTY NEWS

Professor **Joe Hoffmann** is the recipient of the 2008 Judicial Excellence in Education Award for Outstanding Non-Judicial Faculty. He was selected to receive the award for his long-term contribution to the judges of Texas by presenting them with U.S. Supreme Court Updates during the Texas Center for the Judiciary's annual Criminal Justice Conference. More than 250 Texas judges who have criminal jurisdiction regularly attend the conference.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Language Exchange Opportunity

The Office of International Programs and International Law Society would like to invite you to take part in this year's language partner program. American and international students are paired up to practice English and the international student's native language. All Indiana Law students

are encouraged to participate, no matter their language or level of experience. E-mail Jamie at ils@indiana.edu by Friday, Oct. 3, and indicate your native language and the language(s) you would like to practice (in order of preference). We'll put you in touch with your new language partner. After that, it is up to you and your partner to decide when and how often you would like to meet. Partners will be paired on a first-come, first-serve basis, so apply early!

Waters Seeks Research Assistant

Professor Timothy Waters seeks a research assistant to work on a project examining the international legal rules pertaining to the grant of citizenship, and the implications for interstate conflicts in which protection of nationals is at issue. Work is principally document and database searching. Ideal candidates will have course work in international law or international relations; ability to research in a major foreign language is an advantage. Send resume, note on relevant experience and interests to Sarah Pickel, spickel@indiana.edu.

Geyh Seeks Research Assistant

Professor Charles Geyh seeks a research assistant to help him with a writing project on courts-Congress relations. Hours are flexible, with an average commitment of 5 to 10 hours per week. Interested students may email him with a copy of their resume at cgeyh@indiana.edu.

BarBri Registration

Register for BarBri now. All 1Ls should sign up by Nov. 1, and register for \$50. All Ohio/Indiana bar applicants can also sign-up for \$50 by Nov. 1. Stop by our table in the lobby on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have questions, please e-mail Jazmine at jazmineabadia@gmail.com.

Free MPRE Review Course

Kaplan PMBR has an online review course for the MPRE exam. It includes online access to the MPRE lecture, substantive outline book, and practice questions and exam with detailed answers. Available in early October, students can get a jump on preparing for the MPRE by watching the lecture whenever they want and as often as they need. Pre-register at 800-523-0777 or with a student rep: TaKeena Thompson, Amanda Meglemre, Amber Collins. This is FREE to November test-takers! No deposit required.

Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition

The 2008-09 Sherman Minton Moot Court competition gets underway on Oct. 10. Oral arguments will take place from Oct. 10 through Nov. 10. Oral arguments will be held most weeknights and on Saturdays. Weeknight sessions will begin at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. during the fall rounds, with Saturday arguments beginning at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., or 3 p.m. Most of the second-year class traditionally participates in the annual competition, which is also open to third-year students who have not previously competed. For more information, including a schedule of events, visit The Sherman Minton Moot Court Competition Web site.

Scheduling Events

All e-mails about reserving classrooms must be sent to BL-LAW-EVENTS. Mail must be sent to the correct address, bl-law-events (for Outlook users) or bl-events-law@exchange.indiana.edu (for non-Outlook users). Please include the date and time of event, the length of time room will be needed, the classroom requested, and the number of people attending the event. Requests should be sent at least one week before the event and should include the name of the person requesting, the organization planning the event, and an e-mail address. Confirmations will be sent by reply e-mail. Thank you!

Audio-Video Services

Requests for AV services should be sent to Sarah Wissel at sjwissel@indiana.edu. Please include the name of your group and the e-mail address of the contact person, a description of what you want to do, and the date, location, starting time, and duration of the event. Requests must be made at least 48 hours in advance and will be confirmed by e-mail.

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ILA SUBMISSIONS

The *Indiana Law Annotated (ILA)* is published every Monday while school is in session with news about the coming week. Information and articles for the *ILA* should be submitted to ila@indiana.edu by Thursday at noon for inclusion in Monday's edition. If you have questions about an item appearing in the *ILA*, please contact **Debbie O'Leary** (e-mail devo99@indiana.edu; phone 855-2426). To view past issues, visit the *ILA* [online](#).

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